

**Remarks**

A listing of all claims for the present application is submitted herewith. The amendments to the specification and the arguments in the Amendment mailed on March 1, 2004 remain as submitted therein.

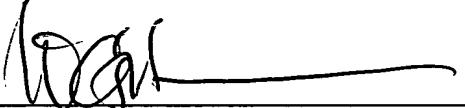
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The Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to discuss prompt resolution of any remaining issues necessary to place this case in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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